

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the Application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) Hair-cutting apparatus (1) comprising a cutting arrangement (9) for cutting hair and comprising means (22, 24, 26, 28, 34, 35, 37) for counter-acting flying off cut hair from the hair-cutting apparatus (1), which means (22, 24, 26, 28, 34, 35, 37) comprising a boundary wall (22), which boundary wall (22) extends close to the cutting arrangement (9) and which boundary wall (22) comprising a stationary portion (34) and a portion (35) that is movable relative to the stationary portion (34), the movable portion (35) being arranged and positioned to cooperate with the hair to be cut.
2. (Currently Amended) Hair-cutting apparatus (1) as claimed in claim 1, wherein the means (22, 24, 26, 28, 34, 35, 37) comprising a spring means (37) that cooperates with the movable portion (35) of the boundary wall (22), which spring means (37) spring-loads the movable portion (35) in the direction of the hair to be cut, and wherein the movable portion (35) being movable in opposition to the force exerted by the spring means (37) when cooperating with hair to be cut.
3. (Currently Amended) Hair-cutting apparatus (1) as claimed in claim 2, wherein the spring means (37) being formed by a rod-type or leaf-type spring (37) that extends substantially transversely to the direction of movement of the movable portion (35) and that extends in a curve.
4. (Currently Amended) Hair-cutting apparatus (1) as claimed in claim 3, wherein the resilient force exerted by the rod-type or leaf-type spring (37) is within a range of between 10 mN and 50 mN.
5. (Currently Amended) Hair-cutting apparatus (1) as claimed in claim 1, wherein a suction arrangement (47) is provided to suck away cut hair, said suction arrangement (47) comprising a suction passage (24) that is defined by passage walls (22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29), at least some (22, 24, 26, 28) of which extend close to the suction-cutting arrangement (9) and the ends

of which situated close to the cutting arrangement (9) define a suction opening (30) through which air can be sucked into the suction passage (24) in a direction of suction (31) at a given velocity of flow, and wherein a passage wall (22) is formed by the boundary wall (22) having the stationary portion (34) and the movable portion (35).

6. (Currently Amended) Hair-cutting apparatus (4) as claimed in claim 5, wherein the suction arrangement (47) comprising varier means (36) for varying the velocity of flow in the region of the suction opening (30), and wherein the varier means (36) are formed by the movable portion (36) of the boundary wall (22).

7. (New) Hair-cutting apparatus comprising:

- a cutting arrangement for cutting hair; and
- a counter-acting means for counter-acting flying off cut hair, the counter-acting means including a boundary wall extending adjacent to the cutting arrangement, the boundary wall having a stationary portion and a movable portion, the movable portion being movable relative to the stationary portion in cooperation with the hair contemporaneously cut.

8. (New) Hair-cutting apparatus as claimed in Claim 7, further comprising spring means for spring-loading the movable portion in the direction of the hair contemporaneously cut, such that the movable portion moves in opposition to the force exerted by the spring means when cooperating with hair contemporaneously cut.

9. (New) Hair-cutting apparatus as claimed in Claim 8, wherein the spring means are a rod-type or leaf-type spring that extends substantially transversely to the direction of movement of the movable portion.

10. (New) Hair-cutting apparatus as claimed in Claim 8, wherein the spring means spring loads the movable portion so as to exert a resilient force between 10 mN and 50 mN.

11. (New) Hair-cutting apparatus as claimed in Claim 8, wherein the spring means spring loads the movable portion so as to exert a resilient force of nominally approximately 40 mN.

12. (New) Hair-cutting apparatus as claimed in Claim 7, further comprising a suction arrangement, the suction arrangement including a suction opening, the suction opening

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enabling an air flow therethrough and the suction opening being defined, at least in part, by the boundary wall, such that, in cooperating with the hair to be cut, the movable portion of the boundary wall may move relative to the stationary portion of the boundary wall, which movement adjusts the definition of the suction opening so as to adjust the air flow therethrough responsive to the nature and condition of the hair contemporaneously cut.

13. (New) Hair-cutting apparatus as claimed in Claim 12, further comprising spring means for spring-loading the movable portion in the direction opposite to the air flow, such that the movable portion is enabled to move in opposition to the force exerted by the spring means in cooperating with hair contemporaneously cut so as to have a suction opening defined as a function of the nature and condition of the hair contemporaneously cut.

14. (New) Hair-cutting apparatus comprising:

- a cutting arrangement for cutting hair;
- counter-acting means for counter-acting flying off cut hair from the hair-cutting apparatus, the counter-acting means comprising a suction opening enabling an air flow therethrough; and

- varier means for varying the air flow in the region of the suction opening in cooperation with the hair contemporaneously cut.

15. (New) Hair-cutting apparatus as claimed in Claim 14, wherein the varier means comprises a boundary wall extending adjacent to the cutting arrangement, the boundary wall having a stationary portion and a movable portion, the movable portion being movable relative to the stationary portion in cooperation with the hair contemporaneously cut.

16. (New) Hair-cutting apparatus as claimed in Claim 15, wherein the boundary wall, such that, in cooperating with the hair contemporaneously cut, the movable portion of the boundary wall may move relative to the stationary portion of the boundary wall, which movement adjusts the air flow in the region of the suction opening.

17. (New) Hair-cutting apparatus as claimed in Claim 15, wherein the movable portion of the boundary wall may move relative to the stationary portion of the boundary wall, which movement adjusts the definition of the suction opening so as to adjust the air flow therethrough responsive to the nature and condition of the hair contemporaneously cut.

18. (New) Hair-cutting apparatus as claimed in Claim 15, wherein the varier means comprises spring means for spring-loading the movable portion in the direction opposite to the air flow, such that the movable portion is enabled to move in opposition to the force exerted by the spring means in cooperating with hair contemporaneously cut so as to have a suction opening defined as a function of the nature and condition of the hair contemporaneously cut.

19. (New) Hair-cutting apparatus as claimed in Claim 18, wherein the spring means spring loads the movable portion so as to exert a resilient force between 10 mN and 50 mN.

20. (New) Hair-cutting apparatus as claimed in Claim 14, wherein the varier means varies the air flow so as to, at least, adjust the air flow's velocity to the nature and condition of the hair contemporaneously cut.